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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of: Dozier, II et al.

Application No.: 09/527,931

Filing Date: March 17, 2000

For: Method For Burning Planarizing A
Semiconductor Contactor

Examiner: R. Chang

Group Art Unit: 3919

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ELECTION/RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 16, 2003, Applicants elect Species II, corresponding to Figures. 6 and 7A-7B. Applicants also cancel without prejudice claims 28-42. Pending claims 21-27 and 43 are readable on Figures 6 and 7A-7B. Independent claims 21 and 43 are generic to the elected species.

Applicants note the Examiner's request for figure numbers in the claims or a claim table. Applicants respectfully assert, however, that the disclosure and the claims fully comply with all applicable statutes and rules.

Although Applicants believe that no extension of time and no fee are required in connection with the filing of this paper, Applicants request any extension of time required in



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connection with the filing of this paper, and Applicants authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge any fee that may be due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (order no. P114-US).

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